Drugs and Cosmetics Rules 1945 required that sale of drugs is conducted under the supervision of a registered pharmacist who is adequately trained in the profession of dispensing of drugs so as to avoid substitution or wrong dispensing of drugs. Moreover, the State Licensing Authorities have been advised not to license products with closely resembling names.

Financial assistance for hospital projects

2913. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance provided by Government for hospital projects in the country during each of the last two years, State-wise;

(b) the terms and conditions of such allocation;

(c) whether Government have received any request from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for financial assistance for such projects;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (e) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare does not provide financial assistance for setting up of hospitals projects in the country. However, assistance is provided to States under pilot project for (i) upgradation and strengthening of emergency facilities of State Hospitals of towns/cities located on National Highways; and (ii) to the selected Government Hospitals for Hospital Waste Management.

Over-crowding of patients in Government Hospitals

†2914. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that Government hospitals all over the country are facing the problem of overcrowding of patients;

(b) if so, whether Government have conducted any survey to find out the reasons for the same;

(c) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor;

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(d) whether Government have formulated any scheme to address this problem; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) to (e) Health being a State subject under the Constitution of India, the information in respect of States/Union Territories are not maintained in this Ministry.

However, heavy rush of patients has been reported by the three Central Government Hospitals namely, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital and LHMC and Associated Hospitals in Delhi. In these Hospitals, monitoring of the attendance of the Patients is done on yearly basis. Special clinics are also organized to control the rush during afternoon.

Use of restricted medicines for treatment of cancer

†2915. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some restricted medicines have been used for the treatment of cancer in some cancer hospitals of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by Government against the culprits in this regard;

(d) whether Government have taken any concrete steps to check such incidents in future; and

(e) so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) to (e) An Enquiry Committee has been constituted by the Director General of Health Services to enquire into the allegations regarding reported use of unauthorized drugs in treatment of cancer patients by Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram. The Report of the Committee is awaited.

Hike in fees in Medical Colleges of U.P.

2916. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fees in Medical Colleges in U.P. have

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